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Applicant: Shieh, et al. Docket: TSM02-1241
Serial No.: 10/721,979 Art Unit: 2818
Filed: 11/25/2003 Examiner: David Nhu
For: Method of Fabricating Semiconductor Device with Separate Periphery and Cell Region Etching Steps

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FACTS:

1. The present application was filed on November 25, 2003, and given a projected publication date of May 26, 2005, per the official Filing Receipt mailed February 25, 2004 (copy attached as Exhibit A).
2. On February 21, 2005, Applicants authorized the payment of the Issue Fee of \$1400.00 and the Publication Fee of \$300.00 to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1065 (copy of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal attached as Exhibit B).
3. On February 22, 2005, Deposit Account 50-1065 was assessed said issue and publication fees (copy of redacted Deposit Account statement attached as Exhibit C).

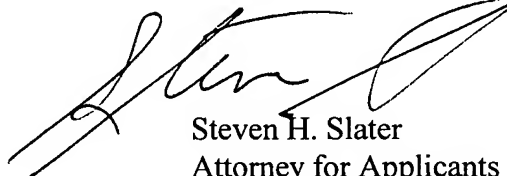
4. The present application issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,872,667 B1 on March 29, 2005, almost two months before the projected publication date. The application was not, in fact, published.

REMARKS:

Applicants respectfully request that the \$300.00 fee be refunded to Deposit Account No. 50-1065.

If the office should have any questions, it is requested that Applicants' attorney be contacted at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven H. Slater', is written over a horizontal line.

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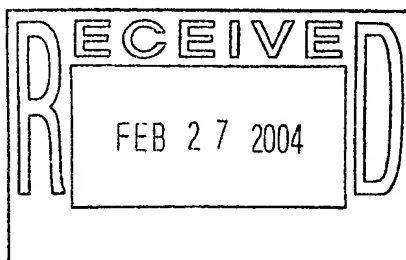
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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/25/2004

Projected Publication Date: 05/26/2005

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

Method of fabricating semiconductor device with separate periphery and cell region etching steps

Preliminary Class

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Exhibit A

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Kristin R. Hayes	(Depositor's name)
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February 21, 2005	(Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/721,979	11/25/2003	Chang-Jen Shieh	TSM02-1241	6919

TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH SEPARATE PERIPHERY AND CELL REGION ETCHING STEPS

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